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SUBJECT: W/W NITAYAR LEE AND SON

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1. NITAYAR LEE FAILED TO KEEP SEPTEMBER 14 IV APPOINTMENT BECAUSE SHE LACKED FUNDS TO MAKE THE TRIP TO BANGKOK. WE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF SCS TRUST DEPOSIT ON SEPT 14, BUT SHE WOULD HAVE HAD TO DEPART CHIANG MAI ON THE 13TH IN ORDER TO KEEP HER APPOINTMENT. NITAYAR HAD INFORMED US SHE INTENDED TO DO SO; ABOUT ONE WEEK LATER WE FOUND OUT SHE HAD USED TRAVEL FUNDS ADVANCED BY CONOFF TO BUY FOOD

2. NITAYAR HAS NOW BEGUN TO DRAW ON FUNDS DEPOSITED BY LEE FAMILY TO COVER HER LOCAL DEBTS. SHE WILL PROBABLY WITHDRAW BULK OF THE FUNDS AS SHE HAS BEEN BUYING FOOD AND MILK ON CREDIT SINCE HUSBAND LEFT IN MAY, AND IS ALSO BEHIND ON PAYMENTS ON THE REFRIGERATOR SHE IS BUYING. AS WE ADVISED IN REFTTEL, SHE IS GREATLY REASSURED BY FUNDS AND MESSAGES TRANSMITTED BY DEPT AND IS PLANNING TRAVEL TO U.S. IMMEDIATELY AFTER VISA ISSUANCE. BABY TERRY IS STRONG AND HEALTHY.

3. FYI: CONOFF HAS TWICE MADE ONE AND A HALF-HOUR DRIVE TO LAMPANG TO SEENITAYAR, LAST SUCH VISIT ON 24 SEPT. SHE WAS OBVIOUSLY AFRAID TO FACE US AFTER HAVING FAILED TO GO TO BANGKOK FOR IV APPOINTMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH THIS CASE CLOSELY AND WILL ADVISE IF ANY NEW PROBLEMS ARISE.

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